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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication: In the Matter of Joint Applications of Sprint Nextel Corporation, SOFTBANK CORP., and Starburst II, Inc., for Consent to Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations and Petition for Declaratory Ruling under Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, IB Docket No. 12-343.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 12, 2013, Masayoshi Son, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SoftBank Corp. ("SoftBank"), and Daniel Hesse, Chief Executive Officer of Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint"), spoke by telephone with Chairwoman Mignon Clyburn, Louis Peraertz and Julie Thompson from Chairwoman Clyburn's office, and Jessica Almond from the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, to urge the Commission to approve the above-captioned transactions promptly.

Mr. Son and Mr. Hesse discussed the public interest benefits of the transactions. They explained that SoftBank has transformed Japan's wireless marketplace through innovative pricing, network investment and cutting edge devices, and that U.S. consumers will benefit from SoftBank's expertise and competitive success. Mr. Son and Mr. Hesse also noted that the combined companies' greater global scale would enable them to better compete with the larger wireless carriers in providing consumers with state-of-the-art handsets and applications. Further, they noted that the transactions will create a financially stronger competitor and expressed their eagerness to invigorate competition in the U.S. wireless marketplace.

Mr. Son and Mr. Hesse asked the Commission to approve the pending applications promptly, noting that the pleading cycle closed on February 25 and that the Commission's informal 180-day merger "shot clock" had expired two weeks before. They also pointed out that the Department of Justice, on behalf of the national security agencies, had notified the Commission that the agencies have no objection to grant of the applications.

Further, Mr. Son and Mr. Hesse addressed DISH Network Corporation's ("DISH's") continued efforts to delay Commission approval of the proposed transaction. They pointed out that DISH's arguments are inconsistent with the Commission's statutory obligation to review

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only the transaction before it and not consider the possibility of other transactions. Mr. Son and Mr. Hesse also explained that delaying approval of the proposed transaction would be a "thumb on the scale" that affirmatively disadvantages the transactions.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this *ex parte* notification is being filed electronically for inclusion in the public record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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ce: Chairwoman Mignon Clyburn
Louis Peraertz
Julie Thompson
Jessica Almond